Doctoral Regulations of the Faculty of Medicine at the Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg
including the First Regulations amending these Doctoral Regulations
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Pursuant to Sections 18(7), 67(3), no. 8 and 77(2), no. 1 of the Higher Education Act of the Federal State of Saxony-Anhalt (HSG LSA) of 14 December 2010 (Gazette of Laws & Ordinances (GVBl. 2004 LSA p. 600)) in the current version, and Section 2(2) No. 3 of the Saxony-Anhalt University Medicine Act of 12 August 2005 (GVBl. LSA p. 508), the following Doctoral Regulations are issued for the Faculty of Medicine for obtaining the academic title of "Dr. med.", "Dr. med. dent." or "Dr. rer. medic." as well as "Dr. med. h. c.", "Dr. med. dent. h. c." or "Dr. rer. medic. h. c.":

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Section 1 Doctorates

(1) The doctorate attests to the ability to carry out independent academic study.
(2) The Faculty of Medicine of the Martin Luther University shall award the following doctorates on the basis of these regulations upon successful completion of an ordinary doctoral procedure: doctor medicinae (Dr. med.)
doctor medicinae dentariae (Dr. med. dent.)
doctor rerum medicarum (Dr. rer. medic.)

(3) The Faculty of Medicine may confer an honorary academic title of doctor (doctor honoris causa, Dr. h.c.) in recognition of outstanding academic contributions and special services to science.

Section 2 Doctoral Committee

(1) The Doctoral Committee is responsible for conducting doctoral procedures. The Doctoral Committee is the body responsible for disclosure, mediation and arbitration in all matters relating to the doctorate and for all persons involved in the doctorate. In particular, it performs the following duties:

- Decision on whether the requirements for acceptance as a doctoral candidate have been met,
- Decision on whether the requirements for admission to the doctoral procedure have been met,
- Confirmation of academic supervisors,
- Appointment of assessors,
- Appointment of the Doctoral Committee and its Chair,
- Decisions on complaints and appeals by doctoral candidates against decisions of the Defence Committee affecting them.

(2) The Doctoral Committee consists of at least 9 and not more than 14 members, including one or two representatives from the following areas of the Faculty of Medicine: pre-clinical, clinical-theoretical, conservative, surgical and dental subjects. The Chairman and the members shall be elected by the Faculty Board for the duration of one term of office of the Faculty Council; re-election is permitted. The members should be professors or professorial members of the Faculty of Medicine.

(3) The Doctoral Committee shall have a quorum if all members are invited and the majority of members are present. Decisions shall be taken with a simple majority. In the event that votes are tied, the Chair’s vote shall decide.

(4) The Doctoral Committee shall not meet publicly.

(5) The Doctoral Committee may delegate the performance of individual tasks to the Chair on a revocable basis.

(6) The Doctoral Committee may consult other advisory members at any stage of the procedure, in particular the Rector, the Prorector for Research and Academic Talent, the Representative for the Disabled, Foreign Nationals, Equal Opportunities and Doctoral Candidates.

Section 3 Admission requirements for a doctoral programme

(1) Admission to a doctoral programme requires a special aptitude for academic work, which is proven by a university degree (Bachelor's degree, state examination or Master's degree).
(2) A certificate of equivalence must be submitted for educational qualifications obtained abroad.

(3) The doctoral programme is also open to candidates with a particular aptitude who hold a Bachelor's or Master's degree from a university of applied sciences. This is generally proven by achieving a final grade of at least 2.0 (good) or A or B in the Bachelor's or Master's degree certificate.

(4) The doctorate to become a Dr. rer. medic. requires a completed degree in a course of studies which is essential for undertaking a doctorate in the subject area selected from the subject catalogue (Annex 1).

(5) A doctorate of the same title may be awarded only once, with the exception of an honorary doctorate.

(6) Fulfilment of the requirements for admission to a doctoral programme shall not give rise to any legal entitlement to acceptance as a doctoral candidate.

(7) The doctoral candidate must be supervised academically by a professor, a private lecturer, a junior professor or a professorial-level university lecturer from the Faculty of Medicine. Co-supervision with a professor, a private lecturer, a junior professor or a professorial-level university lecturer from another faculty is possible.

Section 4 Acceptance as a doctoral candidate

(1) An applicant who intends to produce a thesis must apply to the Doctoral Committee for acceptance as a doctoral candidate before being admitted to the doctoral procedure.

(2) The application for acceptance as a doctoral candidate must be sent to the Doctoral Committee in writing using the relevant form (Annex 2). The application is to be submitted promptly upon commencement of the production of the thesis; however, it must be submitted at least six months in advance of the application for admission to the doctoral programme.

(3) The Doctoral Committee shall decide on the application, if necessary also by stipulating subject-specific conditions. The application may be rejected if the conditions in accordance with Section 3 are not met. Reasons for refusal are to be set out in writing and accompanied by information about the candidate’s statutory rights. If subject-specific conditions have been set, acceptance as a doctoral candidate shall be conditional until the conditions have been met.

(4) By accepting someone as a doctoral candidate, the Faculty of Medicine declares its essential willingness in principle to supervise the doctoral candidate in the writing of the thesis and to assess it upon completion. Furthermore, acceptance as a doctoral candidate shall formally confirm that the doctoral candidate shall be admitted to the doctoral procedure following completion of his/her thesis, if he/she submits the documents required for admission to the doctoral procedure.

(5) Candidates shall receive a confirmation from the Chair of the Doctoral Committee on the form in Annex 2 regarding acceptance as a doctoral candidate. This confirmation shall expire after five years, although it may be extended. If the period of five years is not extended or acceptance is not reapplied for, the status as a doctoral candidate shall expire.

(6) A doctoral agreement (Annex 3), defining appropriate measures, shall be concluded for the specific form of the supervisory relationship.
Section 5 Application for admission to the procedure for conferring a doctorate

(1) Admission to the doctoral procedure must be applied for in writing to the Chair of the Doctoral Committee or to the Faculty supervisor using the form in Annex 4. The application must contain the signed declaration on the truthfulness of the information, the declaration on oath that the doctoral thesis has been written independently and the declaration on compliance with ethical standards/the rules of good academic practice. A digitised version of the thesis must be attached to the application.

(2) The doctoral application may be withdrawn as long as the process has not started yet. In this case, the doctoral application is deemed not to have been submitted. If the doctoral candidate withdraws later, the doctoral process is regarded as unsuccessful. A copy of the thesis submitted remains in the files.

(3) The decision on acceptance onto the doctoral procedure shall be issued by the Chair of the Doctoral Committee. The assessors shall also be named in the decision.

(4) A doctoral candidate who has been unsuccessful in an earlier doctoral process may not submit a new application earlier than one year after the rejection of the first doctoral application. As a rule, a thesis that has already been rejected by another institution cannot be resubmitted in the same or modified form.

Section 6 Initiation of the procedure for conferring a doctorate

(1) The Chair of the Doctoral Committee establishes whether the conditions for admission to the doctoral procedure have been fulfilled and the application documents are complete. If this is the case, he or she shall initiate the doctoral procedure and notify the candidate of this in writing. In the case of completeness, the doctoral candidate must submit six printed, bound, paginated copies of the thesis before the assessors are appointed.

(2) An application for admission must be rejected if the conditions in accordance with Sections 3 and 5 are not fulfilled. The candidate shall be notified of the rejection of his/her application in writing, stating the reason and accompanied by information about his/her statutory rights.

Section 7 Thesis

(1) The thesis must demonstrate the doctoral candidate’s ability to conduct research independently and produce an appropriate account of such research. Its academic content must justify publication.

(2) The thesis should not be longer than 80 pages.

(3) As a general rule, the thesis must be submitted as a single piece of work. An independent, clearly definable section of a joint academic project that is marked with the doctoral candidate’s name and that meets these requirements may be acknowledged as a thesis by the Doctoral Committee upon special request.
(4) The thesis may also be submitted as a cumulative thesis instead of a monograph. At least two articles on related topics must be submitted, at least one of which must be as first author. The thematic connection of the articles must be presented in writing by the doctoral candidate in a separate paper, and this shall form the basis of the thesis in conjunction with the articles submitted. The articles must have been published in international journals of the subject area, wherein the articles must have been peer-reviewed prior to publication.

(5) The thesis must be written in German or English. If the thesis is written in English, it must include an abstract in German.

(6) The thesis shall include a cover page in accordance with Section 5 and details of the author and his/her academic background. The declaration on oath in accordance with the second sentence of Section 5(1) must be affixed at the end.

Section 8 Appointment of thesis assessors

(1) Once the doctoral procedure has been initiated, the Doctoral Committee shall arrange the assessment of the submitted thesis and appoint assessors for this purpose. Only professors, university lecturers, private lecturers or academics with post-doctoral degrees may be appointed as assessors. The Doctoral Committee may deviate from the supervisor’s proposal when appointing the assessors.

(2) The thesis shall be assessed by two assessors. Only one of the assessors may belong to the Martin Luther University of Halle Wittenberg. The thesis supervisor may not be one of the assessors.

(3) In the case of a thesis on an interdisciplinary topic, an assessor is to be appointed from each of the predominantly relevant subject areas.

Section 9 Thesis assessment

(1) Each assessor shall submit a substantiated, independent written opinion on the thesis to the Doctoral Committee within two months, in which he or she proposes the acceptance or rejection of the thesis accompanied by a mark. If the time limit for this is exceeded, the Doctoral Committee may appoint a new assessor. If an assessor deems amendments or additions to be necessary for the purpose of printing the thesis, he/she may propose appropriate conditions in his/her assessment.

(2) A recommendation for acceptance must be accompanied by an assessment in accordance with the following markings levels.

1 = very good (magna cum laude)
2 = good (cum laude):
3 = adequate (rite):
4 = inadequate (non sufficit)
(3) If rejection of the thesis is recommended in any of the assessments, the Doctoral Committee shall appoint a further assessor. He or she should be selected from the subject area at which the criticism of the rejecting assessor is directed. This assessor is not to be informed about the available assessments. If their assessment is also graded as “inadequate”, the thesis shall be deemed rejected; if the judgement is positive, the Doctoral Committee shall recommend that the thesis be accepted, and the grade awarded by the additional assessor shall be factored into the grading. If more than one assessment recommends that the thesis be rejected, no other assessors shall be appointed. The doctoral procedure shall be regarded as unsuccessful in that case.

(4) If the doctoral procedure is not successful in accordance with Para. 3, the Chair of the Doctoral Committee shall notify all the professors and all other Faculty professors that the thesis and assessments shall be available to view in the Dean’s Office for 14 days. During the exhibition period, the aforementioned persons shall be permitted to raise any objections to the grading of the thesis in writing. The Doctoral Committee can reject such objections as manifestly unfounded or can appoint one or more additional assessors.

(5) Following the end of the display period or following receipt of the further assessments in accordance with Para. 3 or 4, the Doctoral Committee shall decide whether to accept or reject the thesis.

(6) If one or more assessments submitted in accordance with paragraph 1, sentence 3 propose conditions for publication of the thesis, the Doctoral Committee may decide whether to apply these.

(7) If a thesis is rejected, the doctoral procedure shall be regarded as unsuccessful. The Chair of the Doctoral Committee shall notify the candidate in writing of the decision to reject the thesis and provide information about his/her statutory rights. The rejected thesis shall remain on file with all assessments. The candidate shall be permitted to resubmit a thesis to the same Faculty one more time but no earlier than one year after the previous one was rejected.

Section 10 Thesis Defence Committee

(1) Once the thesis has been accepted, the Doctoral Committee shall appoint a Thesis Defence Committee to conduct the defence.

(2) The Thesis Defence Committee consists of four members from the group of people in accordance with Section 8(1). It shall be chaired by a member of the Doctoral Committee. Assessors are not permitted to chair the Thesis Defence Committee.

Section 11 Defence of the thesis

(1) The defence of the thesis shall be public, whereby multiple defences may be carried out one after the other within the framework of a joint event. The doctoral candidate shall receive a written invitation from the Chair of the Thesis Defence Committee to attend the defence, 14 days in advance. This period may be shortened with the doctoral candidate’s agreement.

(2) The defence shall be conducted in German or English.
(3) The Faculty Dean’s Office shall make the assessments of the thesis available to the doctoral candidate during the notice period.

(4) During the defence, the doctoral candidate shall deliver the findings of the thesis in a presentation that should last about 20 minutes.

(5) The presentation shall be followed by a discussion, which generally lasts one hour. This should cover topics and methods relating to the thesis, as well as fundamental issues in the specialist field. The discussion shall be led by the Chair of the Thesis Defence Committee, who may restrict the right of individuals present to speak.

(6) The proceedings of the defence shall be minuted by a person who is not also the Chair of the Thesis Defence Committee or an assessor, and this person shall be appointed by the Chair.

(7) Following the defence, the Thesis Defence Committee shall decide in a private meeting on the assessment of the defence in accordance with the marking levels stated in Section 9(2).

(8) The defence is passed if a minimum grade of adequate (rite) is awarded for this.

(9) If the defence has not been passed, the doctoral candidate may repeat the defence once upon written request to the Doctoral Committee. The repeat attempt cannot take place until six weeks have elapsed and must take place within no more than twelve months, starting from the day on which the unsuccessful public defence took place.

(10) Should the repeat attempt of the public defence not take place within the period specified in Para. (9), the doctoral procedure shall be regarded as unsuccessful. The Doctoral Committee shall decide on substantiated exceptions and extensions of this period.

Section 12 Overall grade of the doctorate

(1) Following the determination of the successful defence, the Thesis Defence Committee shall determine the overall grade of the doctorate. The reasons for the overall grade shall be documented in a record, in particular, if the grades awarded to the thesis by the assessors in accordance with Section 9(2) and those of the defence (see Section 11(7)) are inconsistent.

(2) The following overall grades shall be given:

- "magna cum laude" (very good) shall be awarded if a total vote of \( x < 1.5 \) is achieved.
- "cum laude" (good) shall be awarded if a total vote of \( 1.5 \leq x < 2.5 \) is achieved.
- "rite" (adequate) shall be awarded if a total vote of \( x \geq 2.5 \) is achieved.

All partial votes (each assessment and the grade awarded for the defence) shall be included in equal parts (i.e. 1/3 in normal cases and 1/4 in a negative assessment) in the overall grade.

(3) The grade of "summa cum laude" shall be awarded in recognition of a thesis of particularly outstanding academic merit and the excellent quality of its public defence provided an overall grade of "magna cum laude" has been awarded. This special quality must be demonstrated by a publication on the topic of the thesis in a peer-reviewed journal published no more than 5 years previously.

(4) Once the overall grade has been established, the Chair of the Thesis Defence Committee shall inform the candidate of the outcome of the procedure. The grade for the overall procedure shall be disclosed in private.
(5) Once the Thesis Defence Committee has made its decision, the doctoral candidate shall receive a provisional certificate from the Chair of the Doctoral Committee detailing the result of the doctoral procedure.

(6) In the event that the Doctoral Committee has established conditions for the printing of the thesis (Section 9(6)), the doctoral candidate shall be informed of these in writing.

(7) In conferral of the doctorate (Section 15), a certificate shall be issued in accordance with Annex 6.

**Section 13 Withdrawal, absence, fraud**

(1) Should the doctoral candidate withdraw from the doctoral procedure after it has been initiated without good reason, the doctorate shall be regarded as failed. Should the candidate be absent on the date of the defence without good reason, the defence shall be regarded as failed.

(2) The Chair of the Doctoral Committee must be notified in writing without delay of the reasons claimed for any withdrawal or absence, and these must be credible. In the event of illness, the candidate is required to submit a doctor’s certificate.

(3) Should a candidate have been admitted to the doctoral procedure by means of fraud, or if important conditions for admission have been mistakenly assumed, any doctoral work already carried out may also be declared invalid retrospectively and the doctorate denied by the Doctoral Committee. The candidate shall be given the opportunity to provide his/her viewpoint before a decision is made. The doctoral candidate shall be notified of the decision in writing, accompanied by information about his/her statutory rights.

(4) Should facts become known that indicate that the candidate made use of unauthorised third-party assistance in producing the thesis, the doctoral procedure shall be postponed pending a decision of the Doctoral Committee until these allegations have been clarified. The candidate shall be given the opportunity to provide his/her viewpoint before a decision is made. The doctoral candidate shall be notified of the decision in writing, accompanied by information about his/her statutory rights. If it is possible to prove that the candidate received such unauthorised assistance, the doctoral examination shall be regarded as failed.

**Section 14 Thesis publication**

(1) The doctoral candidate shall publish the thesis after its defence. Any conditions with regard to publication pursuant to Section 9(6) must be met prior to publication. Prior to publication, the doctoral candidate shall seek permission in writing from the Chair of the Doctoral Committee to print the work.

(2) There are three options for publishing the thesis.

- 12 bound copies or one bound copy including an electronic version are to be submitted free of charge to the Thesis Office of the University and State Library. The mandatory copies to be delivered are to be marked with the title page in accordance with Annex 5 and must also
contain the declaration on oath in accordance with Section 5(1), the names of the assessors and the date of the defence.

- If the thesis is published by a publisher, 6 mandatory copies must be submitted to the Thesis Office.
- In the case of publication in electronic form, according to the regulations for electronic university publications of the Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg, a contract for the publication of the thesis on the Internet shall be concluded between the doctoral candidate and the University and State Library. A bound copy (no ring binding) must also be submitted along with the electronic PDF version, which can be delivered as an e-mail attachment, on CD-ROM or USB stick.
- If there is a cumulative thesis pursuant to Section 7(4) and if the doctoral candidate has published it in whole or in part earlier, he or she shall be obliged to obtain the written consent of the publisher or publishers to whom he or she has granted rights to publication. The same applies if co-authors are involved in the publications. The declarations of consent are to be submitted to the University and State Library.

(3) Differences between the reproduced version and the version submitted, that go above and beyond editorial processing, are permissible in the following cases:
- Where they serve to bring the thesis up to date with advancements in research;
- Where they enable its inclusion in a series of academic publications or in academic journals;
- Where they enable the work to be published abroad as a result of it having been translated into another language.

In this case, the fundamental academic content of the thesis must remain unchanged. Such differences are subject to approval by the first assessor of the thesis; that approval is to be presented to the Chair of the Doctoral Committee to enable permission to print to be granted.

(4) If the thesis is not published within one year of the date of the defence of the thesis, all rights acquired as a result of the doctoral work shall lapse. The Chair of the Doctoral Committee may extend the period upon the doctoral candidate’s request; such a request must be submitted before the period expires.

**Section 15 Conferral of a doctorate**

(1) The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine shall confer the doctorate by issuing the doctoral certificate (Section 12(7)) as soon as the conditions in Section 14 have been fulfilled.
(2) In the case that the thesis is published by a publisher, the Chair of the Doctoral Committee may, with the agreement of the thesis assessors, approve early conferral of a doctorate if it can be appropriately guaranteed e.g. by a binding declaration by a publisher or by submission of the page proof, that the paper shall be published within a reasonable period.
(3) The candidate shall have the right to use the title of Doctor upon receiving the doctoral certificate. At the same time, the doctoral procedure shall be deemed to have been completed.
Section 16 Revocation of a doctorate

(1) The revocation of a doctorate shall be based on the statutory provisions in accordance with Section 20(1) HSG LSA.
(2) Unless otherwise stipulated herein, the doctorate may be revoked by means of a decision by the Doctoral Committee.
(3) Before the decision is taken on whether to revoke the doctorate, the individual in question shall be given the opportunity to respond to the allegations within four weeks.

Section 17 Inspection of files, right to appeal, legal remedies

(1) Within one year of completion of the doctoral procedure, the doctoral candidate or a person appointed by him or her in writing shall be granted access to his or her doctoral file within four weeks, on request.
(2) The doctoral candidate shall be entitled to appeal decisions made by the Thesis Defence Committee, the Doctoral Committee and/or the Faculty. The appeal must be set out in writing or recorded in the minutes and sent to the Dean within one month of the date on which the decision in question was made. The Dean shall be obliged to inform the Doctoral Committee of this immediately to enable a decision to be made with regard to the appeal. The doctoral candidate is to be informed of this decision in writing by the Dean.
(3) All decisions delivered to the doctoral candidate in writing by the Thesis Defence Committee, the Doctoral Committee and/or the Faculty in respect of rejection, postponement or revoked decisions, particularly where they relate to Section 4(3), Section 6(2), Section 9(7) and Section 13(3) and (4), as well as Section 17(2) must be accompanied by information about his/her statutory rights.

Section 18 Doctorates supervised bi-nationally - Cotutelle de thèse

(1) Procedures for conferring a doctorate may be conducted with joint supervision by a foreign institution that is authorised to confer doctorates (hereinafter referred to as a Partner Institution) if a corresponding arrangement has been made with the Partner Institution. Such arrangements must be in writing and must be approved by the Faculty Board. The arrangement must include regulations on the details of the joint doctoral procedure. It shall also include any requirements relating to the completion of a doctoral degree programme. Doctoral programmes under joint supervision shall be governed by these regulations unless special provisions have been made. The thesis must fulfil the formal and substantive requirements of acceptance in Germany, and fulfil the requirements that apply in the foreign country. It is necessary to ensure that the formal requirements for the thesis are compatible with the doctoral regulations of the two institutions involved.
(2) The doctoral candidate shall be free to choose whether to submit the thesis in Germany or to the Partner Institution. The further procedure shall then be conducted on the basis of the regula-
tions of the country of submission, but these must be adapted to the requirements of the cotutelle (bi-national supervision agreement).

(3) The doctoral candidate shall be supervised by an academic supervisor from each of the participating institutions. The academic supervisor from the foreign Partner Institution shall be appointed as an assessor in the doctoral procedure of the Faculty of Medicine.

(4) The thesis is to be submitted in the language of the country in which it is to be submitted and is to be accompanied by an abstract in the language of the partner, unless otherwise stipulated by the Faculty and Partner Institution involved. Subject to the agreement of the institution and of the academic supervisor, the thesis may be submitted in the language of the Partner Institution, provided it is accompanied by an abstract in the other language.

(5) If the oral component of the doctoral work in the form of a defence or other equivalent form takes place at the foreign Partner Institution with the cooperation of the supervisor from Halle, this shall replace the oral component of the doctoral work at the Faculty of Medicine. Full particulars shall be provided for in the arrangement to be concluded with the Partner Institution.

(6) If the oral component of the doctoral work takes place at the Faculty of Medicine at the Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg, professors from the foreign Partner Institution may be appointed as members of the Defence Committee. Full particulars shall be provided for in the arrangement to be concluded with the Partner Institution.

(7) In the event that the institutions involved apply different assessment regulations, the assessment of the thesis and the defence and the establishment of the overall grade shall be done separately in accordance with the different sets of rules. The doctoral examination shall be deemed to have been passed if it has been passed under both procedures.

(8) The doctoral certificate shall feature the seals of both participating institutions (Faculty and Partner Institution) in so far as it is acceptable in both institutions. It shall contain the name of the academic degree which has been conferred and the corresponding academic degree used in the foreign country. It shall also include a note to the effect that the doctoral degree stated thereon was supervised jointly. If two standalone certificates are issued, a reference or other means shall be used to show that they concern a unified certificate and that the holder of the doctorate is entitled to use the German title of Doctor in Germany and the corresponding title of Doctor in the foreign country. Further details of the design of the certificates shall be provided for in the arrangement to be concluded with the Partner Institution.

(9) Once he/she has received the doctoral certificate, the holder of the doctorate shall be entitled to use the relevant title of doctor in the Federal Republic of Germany and in the country in which the participating foreign partner institution is located. Reference may be made in the agreement with the foreign Partner Institution to its right with regard to reproduction of the thesis and the number of mandatory copies. It must be ensured that the requisite number of mandatory copies stipulated in Section 6(1) and an electronic version are submitted to Halle.

Section 19 Honorary doctorates

(1) The degree of honorary doctor, Dr. h. c. (doctor honoris causa) shall be conferred for outstanding intellectual, academic or extraordinary contributions. Staff members and their relatives are ex-
cluded from having honorary doctorates conferred by the Faculty of Medicine of the Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg.

(2) All professors within the Faculty are entitled to put forward nominations.

(3) The procedure to confer an honorary doctorate is initiated by a written application addressed to the Dean.

(4) The conditions for the conferral shall be examined by an honorary doctorate committee set up by the Doctoral Committee, which sends a resolution proposal to the Faculty.

(5) The Faculty shall decide on the conferral of an honorary doctorate on the basis of the honorary doctorate committee’s proposal. This proposal must be approved by two thirds of the professors on the Faculty Council.

(6) If the Faculty has decided to confer an honorary doctorate, the honorary doctorate committee must draft an encomium and submit it to the Faculty for approval.

(7) The Faculty shall forward the proposal to the Rector and the Senate for their information.

(8) The honorary doctorate certificate shall be awarded at a ceremony held at the Faculty. The encomium shall be delivered by the Dean or a member of the faculty appointed by him or her. The honorary doctorate certificate is to be signed by the Rector and by the Dean.

Section 20 Final provisions

(1) These regulations were concluded by the extended Faculty Council of the Faculty of Medicine on 8 December 2015; the Academic Senate issued its opinion on them on 27 January 2016.

(2) These regulations shall enter into force on the day after their publication in the Official Gazette (Amtsblatt) of the Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg. It applies to doctoral procedures in which the application for acceptance as a doctoral candidate is submitted after its entry into force.

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